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OBJECTS

1. To rescue from destruction representative areas of our primeval forests.
2. To co-operate with the California State Park Commission, the National Park Service, and other agencies, in establishing Redwood parks and other parks and reservations.
3. To purchase Redwood groves by private subscription.
4. To co-operate with the California State Highway Commission, and other agencies in assuring the preservation of trees and roadside beauty along highways.
5. To support reforestation and conservation of our forest areas.

Dear Member:

Since my last letter to you with our Spring Bulletin, the struggle for a Redwood National Park has been widely reported in the press. We have therefore concentrated in the enclosed Fall Bulletin 1966 on the background of the League's efforts to preserve representative groves of these magnificent Redwoods, together with a description of the Mill Creek watershed and why the League supports President Johnson's proposal for a Redwood National Park in this area.

In predicting the success of this project the San Francisco Examiner recently editorialized: "It now becomes the responsibility of the Federal government to make good on pledges to help ease the local economies' partial transition from lumber to tourists." The League concurs in the desire that the Redwood National Park be established as soon as possible and that it be done with fair compensation to all interests involved.

The League is the only organization devoted exclusively to saving the Coast Redwoods. We will continue to concentrate on rounding out into ecological watershed units the major California State Redwoods parks, according to a program of top priorities. You will note on page four of the Fall Bulletin the League's recent acquisitions toward this end.

The total program, including the Avenue of the Giants, will require private contributions from League members and friends, in turn matched by the State of California and the Ford Foundation \$1,000,000 grant. At the present rate of cutting, if we are to complete in time the acquisition of the Mill Creek watershed, Federal aid through the Redwood National Park will be essential.

You will be pleased to know that with your generous help we have raised the first year's quota for matching the Ford Foundation three year grant, and we thank you.

Your membership renewal in Save-the-Redwoods League in any form or amount will be more than doubled, both in dollars and in effectiveness, to save Redwoods in this coming critical year.

Sincerely yours,

Ralph W. Chaney
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President

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Dues for current year

\$ 10.00

Life Membership — \$100, no further dues

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PUBLICATIONS ABOUT THE REDWOODS

(Sent without cost to members of the League)

Please send:

- ☐ No. 1. "A Living Link in History," *by Dr. John C. Merriam*
- ☐ No. 2. "Redwoods of the Past," *by Dr. Ralph W. Chaney*
- ☐ No. 3. "The Story Told by a Fallen Redwood," *by Professor Emanuel Fritz*
- ☐ No. 4. "Trees, Shrubs and Flowers of the Redwood Region," *by Dr. W. L. Jepson*

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"Your action today will assure a
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Pepperwood Flat on Avenue of the Giants





A new logging road threatens privately-owned Redwood forest in Mill Creek watershed, within the boundaries of the proposed Redwood National Park. In September 1966 the lumber company agreed to a moratorium on cutting.

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Moratorium on Cutting Aids Redwood National Park

President Johnson on September 1 asked Congress for emergency legislation to halt logging for one year in the area proposed by the administration for a Redwood National Park.

Earlier, Secretary of the Interior Udall told Congress a private foundation would pay one of the lumber companies involved for any extra cost caused by shifting its operations outside the proposed boundaries until Congress had time to act.

Senator Thomas H. Kuchel of California urged the Miller-Rellim Company, as trustee of a great vanishing natural resource, "to voluntarily suspend cutting in vital areas of virgin Redwoods."

On September 8, five lumber companies voluntarily agreed to a moratorium. Four lumber companies agreed to stop for one year any cutting within suggested national park boundaries on Redwood Creek. In the Mill Creek area the Rellim Company will for at least six months shift its destructive operations to areas of lesser importance.

Federal Aid Needed

From its beginning in 1918, Save-the-Redwoods League has favored a Redwood National Park, Newton B. Drury,

League Secretary and former National Park Service Director said August 26 at the 50th Anniversary observance of the National Park Service in Sequoia National Park. But not until President Johnson's proposal in February 1966 has there been any substantial prospect of Federal aid.

"According to the best information obtainable," he continued, "of an original estimated 2,000,000 acres of virgin Redwood forest, less than 300,000 acres remain. The rest has gone the way of commercial logging."

About 50,000 acres have been preserved in California's State parks with another 50,000 acres of surrounding lands, or a total of about 100,000 acres. The State of California, with the Save-the-Redwoods League on a 50-50 basis, has for over half a century ransomed the Redwoods in cathedral-like groves that represent the supreme examples of this forest type. At present market values these State parks represent an investment of at least \$250,000,000.

People come from all over the world to enjoy their beauty. Yet these parks are not yet complete.

League Program

We have come to realize, particularly since the disastrous floods of the past ten years, that the integrity of the spectacular groves in the flats depends upon rounding out these reserves to include complete watersheds above them. This is the top priority program of the Save-the-Redwoods League, involving Jedediah Smith, Del Norte Coast, Prairie Creek and Humboldt Redwoods State parks.

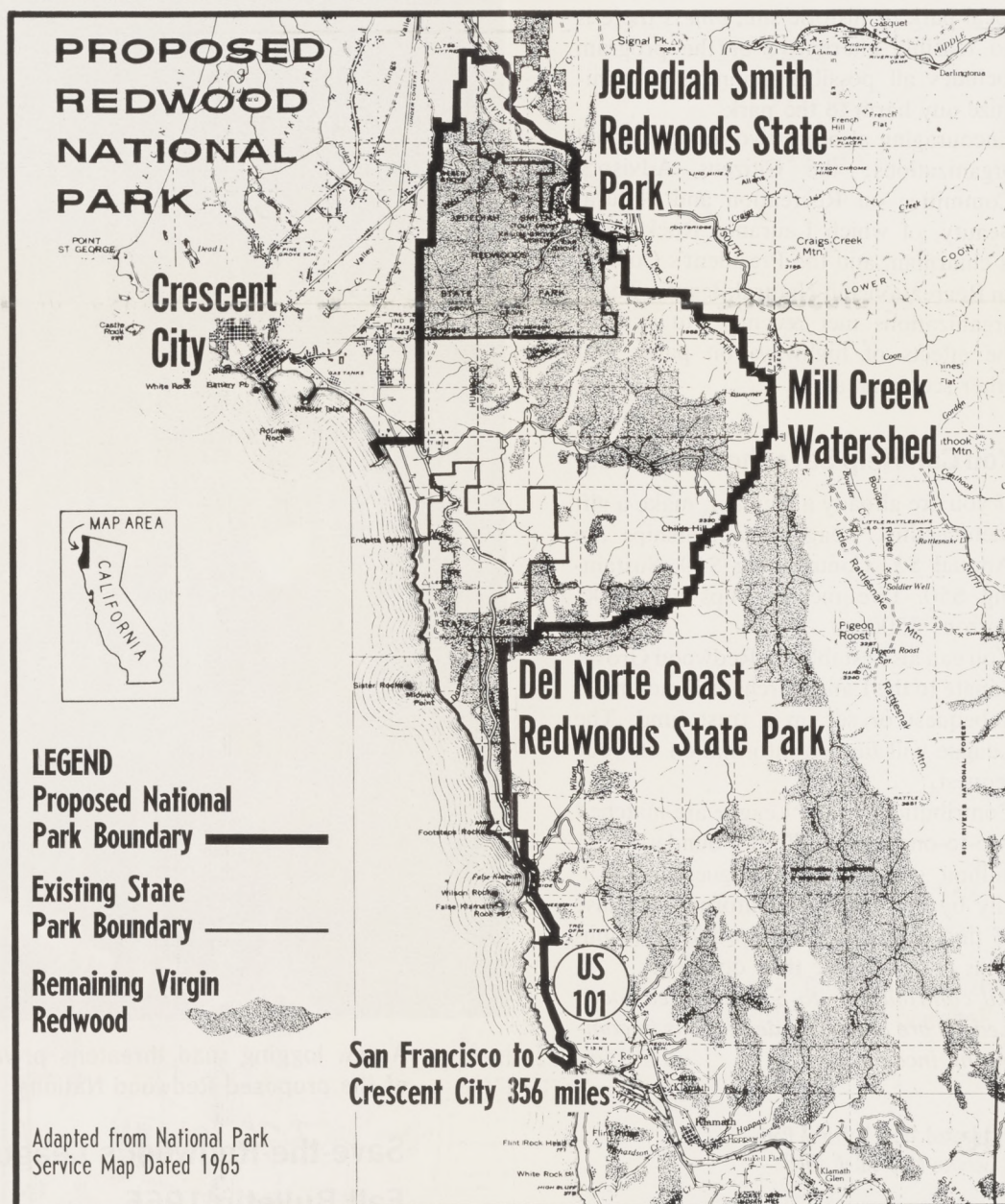
Meanwhile, time is running out. At the present rate of logging—more than 10,000 acres per year—it appears problematical whether State appropriations and private gifts will be adequate to carry out even our minimum program.

Since the prospect of Federal action there has been widespread discussion of a Redwood National Park. The Redwood in-



A trail near the Smith River in the administration's proposed Redwood National Park.

Map of the administration's proposed Redwood National Park. The separate Tallest Trees Unit on Redwood Creek is to the south.



dustry and local commercial and taxing authorities oppose it in spite of governmental proposals for fair compensation to all concerned. The conservation and forestry groups propose three differing projects (Mill Creek, Redwood Creek, Humboldt Redwoods) among which the Congress and those in authority will ultimately have to decide.

Mill Creek

The League favors the administration's proposal in Del Norte County, approved by President Johnson on the recommendation of Secretary Udall and the National Park Service. It advocates saving Redwoods to the greatest possible extent, under a program which gives the Mill Creek project top priority because of its quality and its possible attainability as a complete ecologic watershed unit.

What is Enough?

Dr. Ralph W. Chaney, paleobotanist, president of Save-the-Redwoods League, testified before the United States Senate Subcommittee on Parks and Recreation, June 17, 1966:

There has been a suggestion that there are enough Redwoods in the parks. I do not know what enough means.

For the last 48 years, the Save-the-Redwoods League and the State of California have been preserving Redwoods by private subscription on the part of the League and public support on the part of the State, purchasing 50,000 acres of pure stand, 100,000 acres altogether of Redwood land.

Is five percent of the original forest too much? Is it enough? It seems to me we should scarcely go lower.

An All-American Forest

Now, as to where the park should be: Why in the Mill Creek Basin? This is what we might call an all-American Redwood forest. It has in it the trees of Alaska, and the trees of California, the only place where they mingle in abundance, our Redwoods and the cedars and hemlocks and other trees from the north. It is an unusual forest, unique...

The Mill Creek drainage basin will provide a topographic unit. The ecological completeness, including extension to the ocean, the ease of administration in protecting from fire and flood, all these are

considerations, and in addition, from the standpoint of recreation we have a broad valley flat in Mill Creek and the adjacent national forest, the Six Rivers.

Other areas suggested have advantages. No matter where we take Redwoods they are fine. But Mill Creek is the only major basin left. A complete basin, but is the forest complete? Unfortunately, no. We have waited too long, as you have been told this morning. Approximately 15,000 acres of the 24,000 have already been logged, for the most part selectively, and if you look at this area from the air you will still see many Redwood trees growing throughout much of the basin...

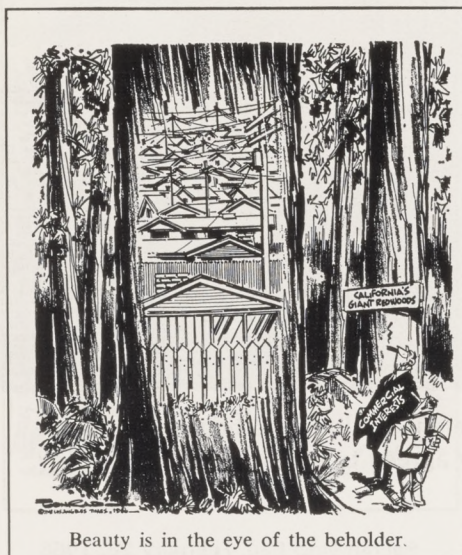
Suspend Logging?

A decision cannot be made this afternoon but I wish it could. I wish there were some way in which the owners of the Mill Creek Basin and the National Park Service could sit down together and agree that logging in the Mill Creek Basin be suspended and that the Rellim Company confine its operations to its private holdings outside the proposed Redwood National Park.

This will cost money. National parks are expensive. The final decision must be based not on money but on permanent values. We have here a resource, irreplaceable. There will never be great Redwoods like this again. And let me add that words will not win this particular attainment.



Sacramento Bee, February 28, 1966



Los Angeles Times, February 27, 1966

47th Annual Meeting

Dr. Ralph W. Chaney (left), president of the Save-the-Redwoods League, listens to report on League's accomplishments by Secretary Newton B. Drury (right), at annual meeting of Council, San Francisco, August 4, 1966 . . .



. . . and appears well pleased. Dr. Chaney represented the League at Senate Committee hearing on Redwood National Park in Crescent City, California, June 17. He advocated the administration's Mill Creek project and urged owners of private forests to transfer their lumbering operations to property owned by them outside the proposed national park boundaries, with fair compensation, in order to afford Congress time to resolve the issue.

Photograph by Amos W. Elliott

Recent Acquisitions

(1) The League purchased in May 1966 and turned over to the State of California a 160-acre privately owned tract in the center of Del Norte Coast Redwoods State Park. The purchase closed the last important gap in the State park.

(2) Also in May, the League purchased and deeded to the State the 27-acre mill site of the Bee River Lumber Company in the Bull Creek watershed, Humboldt Redwoods State Park. The mill has been dismantled. The purpose of the purchase was to eliminate log and lumber truck traffic through the park, to remove an eyesore, and to aid protection of the Rockefeller Forest from log jams during winter flooding.

(3) In 1966 the League completed the acquisition of Gold Bluffs Beach and the forested slopes above it, including the celebrated Fern Canyon in Prairie Creek

Redwoods State Park. Contributions by the Save-the-Redwoods League toward this project amounted to \$1,025,000.

(4) The League is now joining with the State of California in negotiating for purchase of a 1,620 acre addition to Humboldt Redwoods State Park—the northern extension of the Avenue of the Giants. The Federal Government has announced approval of a \$1,000,000 grant toward this purchase; the State of California has appropriated \$1,000,000, and the League, with the help of contributors including the Ford Foundation, plans to contribute another \$1,000,000. The Redwoods are on Pacific Lumber Company property near Pepperwood and it is expected that they will be purchased in successive units over a period of years.

(5) Another important negotiation is for acquisition by exchange and purchase of holdings of the Simpson Timber Company on U.S. Highway 199 in Jedediah Smith Redwoods State Park. The League has placed \$700,000 in escrow toward this transaction.

League Activities

The League recently helped dedicate three Redwood Groves with the approval of the State Park Commission. They are the Blanche Hinman Garland Grove and the Helen Heffernan Honor Grove, in Prairie Creek Redwoods State Park, and the Rebecca Lambert-DAR Grove on the Avenue of the Giants, in Humboldt Redwoods State Park. Other groves are in process of being established.

The League presented in October "Exhibit 1966," 70 photographs of Coast Redwoods and League accomplishments, in the lobby of the Crown Zellerbach Building in San Francisco. Fifty photographs in color were by Howard King. Plans are being made for the exhibit to travel.

The League has reprinted its 1965 revised editions of four educational booklets on the Coast Redwoods. Their titles are, *Trees, Shrubs and Flowers of the Redwood Region*, by Willis Linn Jepson; *A Living Link in History*, by John C. Merriam; *Story Told by a Fallen Redwood*, by Emanuel Fritz; and *Redwoods of the Past*, by League president Ralph W. Chaney.

League Honored

The 1966 American Motors award for outstanding work in the cause of conservation was conferred on the Save-the-Redwoods League, the first organization in California to win the award.

Freeway "Progress"

A ray of hope comes from action of Congress in the recent Public Works Act. Senator Ralph Yarborough of Texas has introduced an amendment to the act, which has already been passed by the Senate, and if considered favorably by the House would safeguard parks such as Prairie Creek Redwoods from freeway destruction.

The terms of the amendment are that no Federal aid will be granted a highway project requiring use of Federal, State or local park or historic site, *unless* there is no feasible alternative or the program includes all possible planning to minimize any harm to the park.

Encouraging also are two newly created organizations: the Citizens Advisory Committee on Recreation and Natural Beauty, of which Laurance Rockefeller is chairman, and the President's Council on Recreation and Natural Beauty. These organizations met recently "to explore the effects of highways on parks and other scenic areas."

You Can Help Save the Redwoods:

If you are already a member, make a gift membership. League memberships are Annual \$3, Contributing \$10, Sustaining \$50. Life memberships are \$100, Patrons \$500.

You can also establish a Redwood Grove, donate to the Land Purchase Fund, make a bequest or set up a trust fund. The League will furnish information on your request.

Contributions to the League are matched two-to-one by the Ford Foundation \$1 million grant to the League, and usually by the State of California. Because of this, your membership and contributions may be more than doubled.

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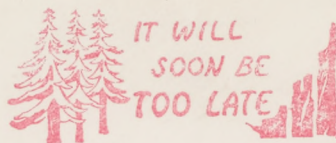
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